

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOCATING ITEMS ON A BILL**

5 A data processing system for settling a bill for items ordered at a restaurant. A set of items for a bill is presented to one or more customers, for which payment is required. User input from one or more customers identifying items from the set of items for

10 payment by a particular person is received to form identified items. Payment is processed for the identified items. The receiving and processing steps are repeated until all items in the set of items for the bill have been identified for payment.